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April 29, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Roger Williams Park Broad Street Gateway in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Providence Redevelopment Agency, located at Joseph A. Doorley Municipal Building, 444 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903.

This funding will be used for the ongoing redevelopment of Providence's Broad Street Corridor by transforming three blighted adjacent lots in the city's Washington Park neighborhood into a modern, green, and energy-efficient, multi-purpose center to welcome visitors to the City's iconic Roger Williams Park and surrounding community. This funding will support development of a 1,700 square foot Visitor's Center and a 32,000 square foot gateway canopy within a recreational plaza and park. The Gateway project has gained the enthusiastic support of community partners and neighborhood organizations. The Welcome Center will become an entryway from Broad Street to the Park's recreational opportunities, improving green access for visitors and livability for residents in Washington Park and surrounding neighborhoods of Upper and Lower South Providence, Elmwood, and South Elmwood. The project will activate a clear connection for residents to one of Providence's most significant public green spaces. Public amenities include restrooms, bike share, and eating/play areas for long-term stay or passive experiences. The project will also benefit nearby commercial areas and small businesses located along the corridor connecting to the sites increased foot and bicycle traffic.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. N. Cicilline".

David Cicilline
Member of Congress